

Think Tanks Overview

As part of its stakeholder engagement strategy for Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) convened two separate Think Tank panels to inform the design and implementation strategy of two DHCS-led CYBHI work streams: Scaling Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and Community-Defined Practices (CDP) and the Behavioral Health Virtual Services and E-Consult Platform. Through the Think Tank sessions, DHCS is engaging leading experts from academia, government, and industry, as well as youth and relevant community members, in an interdisciplinary setting to ensure diverse representation and to promote meaningful development and refinement program design.

DHCS solicited applications for the Think Tanks through a public engagement and application process. For each Think Tank, DHCS sought to select members representing diversity in terms of geography, type of expertise, health/behavioral health (BH) experience (e.g., primary care, BH providers, plans, counties, community-based organizations), and those with lived experience or expertise serving BIPOC, LGBTQ+, rural communities and other special populations.

Below is information, including a biography (as available), for each member of the DHCS CYBHI Think Tanks.

Think Tank #1 – Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and Community-Defined Practices (CDP)

DHCS received a total of 89 applications for the EBP and CDP Think Tank. Selected members fall into the following categories:

- (A) Youth, youth organizations, parents/caregivers, persons with lived experience
- (B) Academic or clinical experts
- (C) Non-profits, providers, foundation leaders, advocates
- (D) Experts in implementing local, state, or national programs
- (E) Experts on implementation science and evaluation best practices

(A) Youth, youth organizations, parents/caregivers, person with lived experience

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1. Revolving Youth Think Tank Member	N/A	On an ongoing basis, the Think Tank will be open to youth representatives from various youth serving organizations.
2. Carolyn Gray	Administrative Research Assistant, Santa Clara County Office of Education	Carolyn Gray is an administrative research assistant on the government relations team at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. In this role, she provides policy research, legislative analysis, project management, and administrative support for SCCOE's intergovernmental priorities. Her passion is in student mental health policy and ensuring student wellness through whole child and community school models. Currently, Carolyn coordinates the MHSSA Professional Learning Network and the SCCOE Mental Health in Schools Youth Advisory Group.
3. Antonia Rios	Senior Parent Partner, Parents Anonymous, Inc.	"I'm a Latina, Native American and mother of 7, grandmother of 4 and kin provider of 14 years. I have overcome and mitigated the impact of all 10 ACEs by empowering myself through Evidence-Based Parents Anonymous® Groups and the California Parent & Youth Helpline and remained clean and sober since 2007. I am a Trained Peer Parent Support Specialist. I have designed and implemented Trainings on ACEs, Trauma-Informed Practice and the 4 Therapeutic Processes of Parents Anonymous®: Mutual Support, Parent Leadership, Shared Leadership® and Personal Growth and Change. My children all have benefited from attending Parents Anonymous® Youth Groups to build resilience and become advocates for others struggling with life challenges. I am a staunch

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		<p>advocate, tireless and tenacious to help others in my community and statewide by respecting Parents, not blaming and shaming people who are struggling with their mental health, or other concerns. I serve on many National, State and County Coalitions to ensure that Evidence-Based well-being preventative and supportive services are accessible to all without the fear of racism, sexism and classism and all types of bias. We cannot address the well-being of children and youth by ignoring their Parents who need support, help, compassion, respect and dignity for their vital role in the lives of their children and to ensure the well-being of their family. I believe that my lived expertise and professional experience as a Mother, Grandmother and Kin Provider and Latina and Native American woman would be an asset to the Think Tank to ensure the accomplishment of the goals and vision of CYBHI."</p>
<p>4. Melissa Hannah</p>	<p>Executive Director, United Parents</p>	<p>"I have worked for United Parents for almost 5 years serving parents/caregivers who have children with mental health needs throughout the State of California. I have provided feedback and input regarding parent/caregiver perspective on statewide peer focus groups, discussions, marketing campaigns, and websites (Together for Wellness) etc.</p> <p>I am connected with parents/caregivers who have children with mental health needs on a daily basis. My interest is always about making sure our families have access to appropriate care for their children and ultimately (in a perfect world) the whole family. Parents and caregivers play a critical role in supporting children's and youth's health and well-being. And yet, they often face immense challenges in navigating California's mental health system and accessing quality treatment and supports for kids in</p>

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		their care. United Parents and our partners help strengthen the voice of parents and caregivers to services and supports for families."

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<p>4. Steve Adelsheim, MD</p>	<p>Director, Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing; Stanford Department of Psychiatry</p>	<p>Steven Adelsheim, MD, is a Clinical Professor & Associate Chair for Community Engagement at Stanford's Department of Psychiatry, directing the Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. Steve's work is focused on early detection/intervention programs for young people and he leads the effort to bring allcove to the US, an integrated youth mental health model, which opened in June 2021 in Palo Alto and San Jose, CA, with plans to open in 5 other California sites over the few years. Dr. Adelsheim also co- leads PEPPNET, the national clinical network for early psychosis programs. Steve also co-directs the Media and Mental Health Initiative in Stanford's Psychiatry Department. Dr. Adelsheim has partnered for many years with Native American and tribal partners on expanding early intervention mental health supports for tribal youth. He continues to also actively work in youth suicide prevention, integrated care, and telehealth. Steve previously spent many years leading school mental health efforts for the State of New Mexico, founded and ran the Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health at the University of New Mexico, and served as New Mexico's state Psychiatric Medical Director. Dr. Adelsheim is committed to developing the national public mental health early intervention continuum for young people, from school mental health to allcove community integrated youth mental health programs to early psychosis programs.</p>
<p>5. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD PhD</p>	<p>Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities</p>	<p>Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD is Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis. He is the Founding Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at UC Davis</p>

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	<p>(CRHD) at UC Davis</p> <p>Professor of Internal Medicine at UC Davis</p>	<p>Health and the Director of the Community Engagement Program of the UCD Clinical Translational Science Center (CTSC). He is past co-chair of the NIH's Community Engagement Key Function Committee for the NIH-funded Clinical Translational Science Awards (CTSAs) for seven years and the immediate past co-chair of the NIH/NCATS CTSA's Collaboration Engagement Domain Task Force Lead Team for 3 years. He is a past member of the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (2003-2007). He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of Mental Health America (MHA; formerly the National Mental Health Association) and past Chair of the Board of NAMI California. He was recently appointed for a four-year term as a member of the National Advisory Council of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)-Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS). He is currently a board member of the California Health Care Foundation, a member of the California Future Health Workforce Commission's Technical Advisory Committee and co-chair of its Behavioral Health Subcommittee, a member of the CDPH Office of Health Equity's Advisory Committee, a member of the board of Physicians for a Healthy California, and a member of the national board of Peer Health Exchange."</p>
<p>6. Tara Niendam, PhD</p>	<p>Executive Director, UCD Early Psychosis Programs; Co-Director, Trauma and Adolescent Mental Illness</p>	<p>Dr. Niendam is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Research in Department of Psychiatry at University of California, Davis. She is a licensed child clinical psychologist and has received training in multiple evidence based practices for use in youth populations, including cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) with focused training in psychosis, family systems therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Trauma-Focused</p>

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	(TAMI) internship with UC Davis CAARE Center	<p>CBT (TFEBT) and motivational interviewing. She has expertise in the measurement of clinical and functional outcomes in youth with serious mental illness, with specific interests in assessment and prevention of suicide, treatment of co-occurring trauma and/or substance use disorders, as well as prevention of homelessness. Her current research focuses on improving clinical and functional outcomes for youth with serious mental illness, with a focus on using health technology to directly improve clinical care. She has experience creating partnerships with community organizations across mental health, primary care, educational, and inpatient settings to support large scale identification and intervention efforts for individuals with serious mental illness. She also brings experience using evidence based practices in community settings, using data to inform care, and providing training to community providers across a variety of settings.</p>
7. Heather Huszti, PhD	Chief Psychologist, Children's Hospital of Orange County	<p>Dr. Heather Huszti is a licensed psychologist and Chief Psychologist at Children's Health of Orange County (CHOC). She completed her doctoral degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in family therapy from Texas Tech University and completed a doctoral internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). She was on faculty at OUHSC, where she was the director of the Pediatric Psychology Program. She joined CHOC in 2002. While at CHOC she has been one of the leaders of the Mental Health Initiative, which has included building an 18-bed inpatient mental health center, providing treatment for children from 3 to 18 years of age, starting a DBT adherent Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), as well as developing a clinic and full-service partnership (FSP) to</p>

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		<p>address the mental health needs of children with medical disorders and embedding mental health services in Primary Care. She is working with schools in Orange County to design innovative interventions to help improve school environments and get needed mental health services to children. She has chaired a county wide Pediatric Mental Health System of Care Task Force for the past 6 years. She is actively engaged in nationally funded research studies to design new interventions to improve the mental health care of children.</p>
<p>8. Melissa Brymer, PhD, PsyD</p>	<p>Program Director, UCLA, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress</p>	<p>Melissa Brymer, Ph.D, Psy.D. is Director of the Terrorism and Disaster Program of the UCLA/Duke University National Center for Child Traumatic Stress and its National Child Traumatic Stress Network. In this capacity, Dr. Brymer been involved with the development of acute interventions, assessment, and educational materials in the area of terrorism, disasters, public health emergencies, and school crises. She is one of the primary authors of NCTSN/NCPTSD Psychological First Aid and Skills for Psychological Recovery and has served as a consultant for many Federal, state, and local agencies across the country and internationally after disasters, terrorism, school shootings, and other mass emergencies. Dr. Brymer was the lead advisor to the Newtown Public Schools Recovery Program, and has led the NCTSN's response to COVID-19. Dr. Brymer is also a Full Researcher at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.</p>
<p>9. Anne Glowinski, MD, MPE</p>	<p>Division Chief, Child Psychiatry – Child, Teen and Family Center</p>	<p>I am a French Jewish immigrant to the US at 20, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and as of Fall 2021 Division Chief in Adolescent Psychiatry at UCSF -with training in Behavior Genetics and Psychiatric Epidemiology. I am a physician, mother (of three), scientist, teacher,</p>

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		<p>mentor and leader in order of temporal development. I also became a powerlifter and first-time athlete after age 50.</p> <p>In my previous job, at Washington University for 22 years, I am most proud to have grown steadily over the years as a perennial learner. I take pride in helping build a division which had multiple links to community partners and efforts, which allowed the development of a number of impactful services (e.g., collaboration with courts in the care of Foster care children at high risk of parental separation; trauma informed interface with sexually traumatized youth in ED; comprehensive mental perinatal care and training of community primary care providers).</p> <p>My clinical expertise ranges from birth to adulthood with a particular focus on partially invisible yet common conditions of childhood (mood, anxiety, learning, neurodevelopmental) and suicidality.</p> <p>Finally, to combat the insidious psychiatric stigmatization that (evidence shows) exists within mental health professions, I have been open in last years (e.g., grand rounds and other invited talks and with colleagues and trainees) about my own history of depression.</p>

(C) Non-profits, providers, foundation leaders, advocates

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10. Brandon Staglin	President, One Mind	<p>As President of One Mind, Brandon Staglin channels his deep experience in communications, advocacy, and personal schizophrenia recovery to drive brain health research, services, and media to heal lives. His best-known advocacy work has been for the growth of science-driven, large-scale, continuously improving prevention and early intervention services for youth facing serious psychiatric illness. He has published numerous articles in well-known journals and earned numerous advocacy awards. Brandon serves on councils for the World Economic Forum, the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, the California Department of Health Care Services, Mindstrong Health, and Stanford University's Prodrome and Early Psychosis Program Network, and is a member of The Stability Network. He earned a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership from UCSF in September 2018, and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Engineering Sciences and Anthropology from Dartmouth College in 1993.</p> <p>Brandon's lived experience with recovery from schizophrenia makes him grateful to be living in health and happy every day he can contribute to the health of others.</p>
11. Kim Lewis, JD	Managing Attorney, National Health Law Program	<p>Kim Lewis is the Managing Attorney of the National Health Law Program's California office. Kim works on state and national health care issues, including Medicaid and health reform implementation, by engaging in policy and administrative advocacy, impact litigation and technical assistance and training to state advocates and other stakeholders.</p>

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		<p>She has worked to improve access to quality health care for people who are marginalized in California for more than three decades. Kim serves as co-counsel on a number of class action lawsuits concerning access to behavioral health services for Medicaid eligible children and youth, under the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Medicaid mandate for recipients under age 21. She is also a member of the California Health & Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Task Force.</p>
<p>12. Poshi Walker, MSW</p>	<p>LGBTQ Program Director, Cal Voices</p>	<p>Poshi Walker, MSW (ze, zir, zirs) is the LGBTQ Program Director for Cal Voices. During zir education and career as a social worker, ze has focused on reducing mental and physical health disparities for LGBTQ communities, both locally and statewide. Ze was the Project Director for the groundbreaking LGBTQ Reducing Disparities Project, Phase 1, and worked closely with LGBTQ communities to identify community-defined practices. Mx. Walker has multiple years of experience working with, and providing LGBTQ and technical assistance training for community-based organizations, counties, school districts, universities and government programs. Mx. Walker is also a strong advocate for LGBTQ communities and has worked extensively in the policy arena to reduce disparities. Ze holds a Masters in Social Work from CSU Sacramento and lives happily with zir wife and multiple rescue animals.</p>
<p>13. Josefina Alvarado Mena, JD</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer, Safe Passages</p>	<p>Josefina Alvarado Mena was awarded an Echoing Green Fellowship in 1996 after finishing her J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Josefina used her Echoing Green Fellowship to</p>

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		<p>create the Educational Empowerment Program to provide free legal education and services to low-income students in Oakland, California. In 1999, Josefina was recruited by an incoming Superintendent of Oakland Unified School District to head the Department of Student, Family, and Community Services. During her tenure she helped expand after-school programs, violence prevention programs, parent engagement and mental health programs throughout the school district. As director of the department, she also led the effort to develop the Safe Passage Middle School Strategy that has resulted in a 72% decrease in suspensions for violence at target high need middle schools in Oakland. Josefina was then recruited to lead Safe Passages, a city-wide initiative designed to reduce violence among the children and youth of Oakland. As the Chief Executive Officer for Safe Passages, Josefina has grown the organization from a foundation funded initiative to a leading independent 501(c)(3) Multi-service Nonprofit Organization that implements a continuum of programs that serve children and youth, from birth through college and career. A native of Oakland, Josefina grew up in one of the neighborhoods served by Safe Passages. She received her B.A. in Ethnic Studies from UC Berkeley and a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She is also a recipient of the following honors and awards: Echoing Green Global Fellowship 1996-1998, Education Advocacy Award 2003, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County; Advocacy Award, California Latino Civil Rights Network 1998, James Irvine Foundation California Leadership Award 2009; and SEERS Fellowship at Stanford 2016.</p>

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14. Angela M. Vazquez	Policy Director – Mental Health, The Children's Partnership	<p>Angela M. Vázquez, MSW, has spent nearly a decade in public policy, coalition-building, and activism to ensure the well-being of children and youth from historically marginalized communities. She works to dismantle and rebuild systems to eliminate the impacts that race/ethnicity, trauma, and poverty have on their life trajectories. Angela has spent the last decade in education and child welfare public policy, convening local and statewide education and child welfare stakeholders, facilitating policy development and implementation discussions for children in foster care as a Policy Analyst at Advancement Project and as the Associate Director for FosterEd: California.</p> <p>Currently, Angela is a Policy Director at The Children's Partnership, covering a portfolio that includes mental health and child welfare. She also serves on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, an independent body tasked with redrawing California's elections boundaries. In March 2020, Angela became ill with COVID-19 and has since developed long COVID - a condition marked by prolonged, debilitating, relapsing-remitting symptoms experienced by up to 1/3 of COVID-19 patients. As the President of Body Politic, an all-volunteer grassroots organization at the forefront of Long COVID patient advocacy, Angela is leveraging her skills in leading intersectional children's well-being advocacy to advocate with and on behalf of other patients of color with infection-triggered chronic illness and disabilities.</p> <p>Angela received her Masters Degree in Social Work with Honors in Community Organizing, Planning, and Administration from the University of Southern California after graduating cum laude from</p>

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		<p>Claremont McKenna College with a BA in Psychology. She also serves on the Board of Trustees at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena.</p>
<p>15. Kenna Chic</p>	<p>California Health Care Foundation</p>	<p>Kenna Chic currently works in health philanthropy. She previously worked on health policy in the U.S. Congress, the National Institutes of Health, and Disability Rights California. As the president of Project Lighthouse, Kenna executed an online peer support system to provide transition-aged youth direction in navigating local mental health resources and emotional support for individuals struggling with mental health. She has been a mental health advocate at the local, state, and national level for a decade, dedicating her work towards removing societal barriers that people with mental health struggles and various disabilities encounter.</p> <p>With her passion for change-making heightened by her professional experiences, Kenna has also served on multiple advisory boards, task forces, and fellowships in various organizations, including the Mental Health Strategic Impact Initiative, Mental Health America, and the Coelho Center for Disability, Law, Policy, and Innovation. As a voting member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Behavioral Health Integration Task Force, she worked on integrating behavioral health and primary care services, promoted the importance of peer support and expansion of mental health services in underserved populations, and voted to increase COVID-19 congressional relief funding for telehealth grant programs. Recently, Kenna highlighted the importance of peer and youth mental health support in the Biden-Harris Administration FY 2023 budget at "Addressing the</p>

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		<p>National Mental Health Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges," an event hosted by the Brookings Institution and the Commonwealth Fund, featuring the White House Domestic Policy Council.</p>
<p>16. Adrienne Shilton</p>	<p>Director of Public Policy and Strategy, California Alliance of Child and Family Services</p>	<p>Adrienne has been serving as CA Alliance's Senior Policy Advocate for Behavioral Health. She now will be taking on a larger role at the CA Alliance, overseeing the work of the Policy Team.</p> <p>She has been the government affairs director at the Steinberg Institute since 2017. She is a recognized expert in mental health policy who has devoted her career to improving the well-being of people living with brain illness and substance use disorders. Adrienne became involved in mental health policy as a key staff person in the campaign to pass the 2004 Mental Health Services Act. Prior to her position with the Steinberg Institute, she has worked in a variety of roles to carry out the vision for services laid out in the law, including as the director of intergovernmental affairs for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association.</p> <p>Before joining CBHDA, Adrienne was a senior associate with the nonprofit California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions, and a senior policy analyst with the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies. She has been a champion for culturally relevant program design, incorporating peer support as a crucial piece of recovery, and using evaluation and outcomes-based reporting to drive strategy.</p> <p>Shilton has served as an adviser on several statewide efforts, and currently sits on a task force</p>

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		<p>examining mental health issues in California's LGBTQ community. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Knox College, and a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University, Sacramento.</p>
<p>17. Kathleen King</p>	<p>CEO, Healthier Kids Foundation</p>	<p>Kathleen King retired from high tech after twenty years and is currently the CEO of Healthier Kids Foundation, a non-profit foundation focused on the health needs of underserved children and youth of Silicon Valley. Healthier Kids Foundation has offered over 447,000 services in the last 9 years focused on preventive screenings, education, and advocacy. From screenings, Healthier Kids has assisted 89,000 unique families that receive a referral access the care their children need utilizing their health insurance. The organization has universally screened over 3000 fifth graders for mental health concerns in the last 2 years.</p> <p>Kathleen was elected to the Saratoga City Council in November of 2002 and served as Mayor of the city in 2005 and again in 2010. Ms. King served on the California State Dental Board, on the Santa Clara County Board of Education, and is an appointed board member of the local Medi-Cal/Medicare Health Plan.</p> <p>Kathleen King is a native of California. She attended public schools in San Jose, graduated from West Valley College, and Santa Clara University. She resides in Saratoga with her husband, Mark Stark; they have five children, Marie, Allyssa, Nick, Matthew and Robert. Robert has been through 39 surgeries and two bone marrow transplants. Allyssa was affected by mental health issues.</p>

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18. Melinda Cordero-Barzaga	Associate Director, Vision y Compromiso	<p>Melinda Cordero-Bárzaga has dedicated most of her professional career to working with Promotores in several capacities including, designing and directing programs, developing curricula, training, mentoring, evaluating projects and is approaching 28 years of service. She is one of 5 co-founders of Visión y Compromiso and joined the organization in 2004 as the Director of its California Network of Promotoras and Community Health Workers (CHW's). Currently she serves as the Associate Director of the organization and in this capacity oversees their statewide programmatic work and operations including its Network statewide annual conference, annual legislative day in Sacramento, CA and the development of the Promotores Institute.</p> <p>Ms. Cordero-Bárzaga has been recognized for her work with women and girls as well as with Promotores. She is the recipient of the 1999, Los Angeles Women's Foundation Mentor Award and 2001 received an award from Comision Femenil de Los Angeles for her work with Latinas and health. Ms. Cordero-Bárzaga was also recognized in 2009 by the California Assembly for her work with Promotores in the state and in 2011, she received the Helen Rodriguez-Trias award from the California Office of Women's Health for her dedication to the health of women in California. In June 2013, she was awarded the MENDING Poverty Nonprofit Leadership Award which recognized her effective organizational and community leadership in Southern California on behalf of individuals living in poverty.</p> <p>She has served on many advisory boards and is currently serving as a member of the California</p>

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		<p>State Program Committee for the March of Dimes, the California HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute (SC CTSI) University of Southern California (USC) and is serving on her second term on the Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force.</p>
<p>19. Maryjane Puffer</p>	<p>Executive Director, The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health</p>	<p>With over 30 years of health care and program development experience, I know that mental well-being is the cornerstone of a healthy society. I have worked extensively as a pediatric nurse and non-profit director, with home visiting programs, community-based organizations, public health, and private non-profits supporting child and adolescent health and wellness.</p> <p>In my work at The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, I am focused on understanding the impact of access to school-based care on students' ability to achieve and how best to enable students to influence system improvement. The system for behavioral health is stretched thin and fragmented from primary care and substance use prevention and treatment.</p> <p>The most impactful programs I have experience with include youth development and data-driven, community-directed strategies. Understanding where behavioral health resources are, how well they are working, and how to access them is critical for young people. Transparent data holds systems accountable. Training youth to understand data and how to use it to promote change is key. Supporting youth as leaders and influencers is a critical strategy and one, I believe can lead to solutions that support a healthier society.</p>

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20. Sarah Crow	Managing Director, First 5 Association	As Managing Director, Sarah leads the First 5 Center for Children's Policy in establishing and implementing its strategic direction. She collaborates with early childhood thought leaders to study and design innovative policy solutions to entrenched challenges in California's early childhood systems. Her focus is on integrated systems that equitably serve infants, toddlers and their families to ensure California's young children are safe, healthy, and ready to succeed in school and life.
21. Sabrina Ullah	Vice President of SoCal Behavioral Health, HealthRight360	Sabrina started her career as a social worker working in women's violence prevention education and has been in the field since 2005. Her background and expertise are rooted in social justice, community mental health, program, and leadership development. Sabrina has managed many aspects of program development including writing RFPs, program design, overseeing budgets, hiring/training staff, running multi-county programs, and mentoring and developing emerging leaders. She joined HealthRIGHT 360 in 2019 as the Managing Director of Los Angeles County Behavioral Health. In her current role as Vice President of Southern California Behavioral Health, Sabrina supports mental health, substance use disorder, housing, prevention, and domestic violence support services across Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and San Diego Counties. Sabrina completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and her Master's in Social Work at the University of Southern California.

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22. Carolina Valle	Policy Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network	<p>Carolina is the Policy Director for the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, a statewide multicultural non-profit dedicated to advancing health equity for communities of color in California. As the Policy Director, she crafts policy proposals, conducts research, and implements advocacy strategies to improve health equity in oral health and mental health. Prior to joining CPEHN, Carolina worked at Maternal and Child Health Access, where she was the lead advocate for high-risk pregnant and postpartum women dependent on the county mental health system. Carolina Valle holds a MSW from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in Black Studies & History from the University of California, Santa Barbara.</p>

(D) Experts in implementing local, state, or national programs

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23. Lishaun Francis, MPP	Director, Behavioral Health at Children Now	<p>As part of the health team, Lishaun leads Children Now's behavioral health portfolio.</p> <p>Prior to joining Children Now, Lishaun Francis was an Associate Director at the California Medical Association. She provided policy support and analysis for California physicians on the issues of Medi-Cal, Workers' Compensation, and Health Information Technology. Lishaun spent over two years with the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) where she provided fiscal and policy analyses to the State Legislature on issues of mental health, developmental disabilities, and alcohol and drug programs. In Washington, DC Lishaun Francis worked as a Program Analyst for the U.S Department of Education, providing fiscal support on issues of higher education.</p> <p>Lishaun Francis received her Master's of Public Policy from the University of Michigan, and her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.</p>
24. William Arroyo, MD	Mental Health Policy Consultant, Self-Employed	<p>William Arroyo, M.D., who is a child and adolescent psychiatrist, has worked in children's mental health as a local provider as well as an expert and advocate for children's mental health on local, state, and national levels. He served as medical director of children's mental health of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health where he provided leadership in the planning of prevention and early intervention services with a broad array of stakeholders. He was instrumental in the selection of the evidence based and community defined practices implemented in Los Angeles County. He</p>

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		<p>has a faculty position at Keck USC School of Medicine where he has provided training on evidence based practices. In addition, he has served: as a provider in schools; as an alternate Commissioner for First Five LA; as a representative of children's mental health for CA counties; as a member of the CA Commission on Juvenile Justice; as an advisor to CA Department of Social Services; as advisor to children's mental health, research, and training centers at multiple universities in various states; as an advisor to SAMHSA on eliminating mental health disparities; as a leader in both state and national psychiatric organizations. He is a current member of the CA Medi-Cal Children's Health Panel. He served as an advisor to the Obama administration regarding the conditions of detention of families by ICE.</p>
<p>25. Rozlyn Kwong</p>	<p>Implementation Specialist, Sycamores</p>	<p>Rozlyn Kwong, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, is currently the Implementation Specialist at Sycamores, a multi-service behavioral health organization in LA County, where she is devoted to content development, training and presentation delivery, and implementation support. She presented in various webinars and on panels, and she assumed the role as a faculty for Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Grief Sensitive Virtual Learning Institute both in 2021 and 2022.</p> <p>Ms. Kwong has an extensive experience in evidence-based practices. She is a National Certified TF-CBT Therapist and achieved status as a TF-CBT Train-the-Supervisor (TTS). She is a certified PCIT Trainer-Of-Trainers and a Managing and</p>

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		<p>Adapting Practices (MAP) Agency Supervisor. Ms. Kwong is endorsed by the California Center for Infant-Family & Early Childhood Mental Health as an Infant-Family Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist and a Reflective Practice Facilitator II. Ms. Kwong is experienced in working within teams and with stakeholders from multiple disciplines and across systems. She also collaborated with juvenile justice partners to develop a mental health curriculum specific to youth's needs during the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>As an immigrant and an Asian American mental health professional, Ms. Kwong is committed to reducing stigma and facilitating improved access to care and wellness support in Asian American communities and others of color. She believes in early intervention and prevention efforts to set children and families on the best possible trajectories, and she aims to advance implementation of evidence-based and community-defined practices for the delivery of appropriate, equitable and accessible behavioral health services.</p>
26. Christine Tolbert	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	Christine C. Tolbert's commitment to those with disabilities began over twenty years ago with adolescents and young adults with disabilities who were at-risk or engaged in the justice system with co-occurring specialized health care, mental, and behavioral health needs. She is a fierce and compassionate advocate for those with developmental and cross-disabilities, their families and those who serve them throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Christine is an expert in capacity-building and systemic change advocacy that improves equity and access in areas of health

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		<p>care, safety, education, and employment. Christine has also served at a Los Angeles area regional center before moving to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) as the Clients' Rights Advocate to the Lanterman Developmental Center, providing consultation to residents, families, staff, attorneys, and regional centers concerning resident's rights through its eventual closure. As the SCDD Orange County Office Advocate, she chairs the CalOptima Member Advisory Committee, facilitates the Health Care Task Force and is an active stakeholder in numerous other inter-agency collaboratives in Orange County, advocating for the needs of the youngest in early start to employment and post-secondary education opportunities for adults. Christine is honored to serve on the CYBHI Think Tank to ensure the voice of the disability community, including needs and gaps, is emphasized, and woven throughout the development of practices and priorities through this initiative.</p>
27. Sarah Paulsen	Director, Behavioral Health Services, Anthem	<p>Sarah Paulsen is a licensed clinician with over 15 years of experience in the behavioral health field. She has specialized training in individual, family, systems, child and adolescent psychology, including additional focused training in early assessment and intervention with very young children age birth to five. Sarah has dedicated her clinical focus to supporting special populations including justice-involved forensic programs, behavioral health assessment and early intervention for treatment of mood disorders, trauma, and dual diagnosis in our vulnerable California homeless population, and has sought</p>

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		<p>significant opportunities to support highly diverse populations. She is passionate about ensuring optimal care for children and adolescents, having provided care and intervention for children and families overcoming challenges for a multitude of diagnoses and life situations including but not limited to childhood abuse and trauma, reactive attachment, conduct and mood disorders, and associated unique life, familial, school, cultural, and community dynamics that support ideal function and outcomes for each individual and family. In many of her roles, she has provided program design expertise and implementation both in the form of practicum and internship training program creation, clinical program creation in varied intensity of care environments, as well as ongoing program augmentation and re-design to ensure best practice from a multitude of lenses. Sarah also has been in clinical and executive leadership roles for over a decade in a multitude of settings from outpatient, mobile crisis response, community-based clinical, higher level of care, as well as county and complex case management oversight.</p>

(E) Experts on implementation science and evaluation best practices

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28. Susanne Hempel, PhD	Professor, USC Keck School of Medicine; Senior behavioral scientist at RAND	Susanne Hempel is a professor of research in the department of Preventative Medicine and a faculty member at the Gehr Center for Health Systems Sciences and Innovation, USC Keck School of Medicine. She directs research at the Southern California Evidence Review Center (https://sites.usc.edu/socalevidencereview/ , https://www.rand.org/health-care/centers/epc.html), leading contracts for federal agencies such as the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCoE), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), as well as nonprofit organizations such as the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Dr. Hempel oversees a large portfolio of evidence synthesis projects; including systematic reviews, scoping reviews, and stakeholder panels; and leads large multi-site and multi-discipline projects. Dr. Hempel is an affiliate adjunct senior behavioral scientist at RAND and a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS) teaching systematic review methodology and applied psychometrics. Prior, she worked at the Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD), University of York, UK. Her academic background is personality psychology with a PhD from the University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany."
29. Kenneth Wells, MD, MPH	Professor, UCLA Adjunct Staff of the RAND Corporation Staff Psychiatrist at	Kenneth B. Wells, MD, MPH, is the David Weil Endowed Professor and Director of the Center for Health Services and Society of the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and

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	the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Health System	<p>Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Wells, a psychiatrist and health services researcher, has led a number of studies of how variations in health services systems and financing affect clinical care as well as on the use of Community-Partnered Participatory Research to address disparities in access to and outcomes of services for depression. Dr. Wells is Associate Director of the UCLA National Clinician Scholars Program and was previously Co-Director of the UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. Dr. Wells also co-led the American Red Cross grant in history to support mental health recovery efforts in New Orleans post-Katrina, as well as post-flood recovery in Baton Rouge, and the Los Angeles Community Disaster Resilience Initiative."</p>
30. Percy Howard, LCSW	President and CEO, California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions	<p>Percy Howard, LCSW is the President and CEO of the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions. Over the past five years, Percy has been a key player and leader in California's drive to implement recovery-oriented and family-directed Evidence-Based Practice. During the course of his 32 year work history, Percy has worked for County Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Systems, Private healthcare providers, Non-Profit CBOs and in Juvenile Justice Settings. This experience has served him well in his current role as a leader in one of California's premier Training and Implementation and Systems Improvement Organizations.</p> <p>I have 38 years working in both social service and behavioral health organizations, as field based social worker, licensed clinician, administrator and executive. I've done years of close field based work with black and brown people in communities with profound</p>

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		challenges that I believe prepares me well to contribute to this process.
31. Leena Singh	Director, Clinics & Community – UCAAN	Dr. Leena Singh is a public health leader with expertise in program design and strategy, clinical technical assistance, research, evaluation, and training in the areas of adolescent sexual health and childhood trauma. She currently serves as Director of the Clinics and Community Department in the UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network (UCAAN). Dr. Singh was previously a Coach & Consultant for the California ACEs Learning and Quality Improvement Collaborative (CALQIC), a statewide learning collaborative led by the UCSF Center to Advance Trauma-Informed Healthcare and the Center for Care Innovations. She received her Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Columbia University and holds a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She is a Bay Area native and resides in Sonoma County.

Think Tank #2 – Behavioral Health Virtual Services Platform

DHCS received a total of 52 applications for the Platform Think Tank. Selected members fall into the following categories:

- (A) Youth, youth organizations, parents/caregivers, persons with lived experience
- (B) Academic or clinical experts
- (C) Non-profits, providers, foundation leaders, advocates
- (D) Experts in technology-enabled services and BH programs
- (E) Experts in education and/or school-based BH services

(A) Youth, youth organizations, parents/caregivers, persons with lived experience

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1. Revolving Youth Think Tank Members	N/A	On an ongoing basis, the Think Tank will be open to youth representatives from various youth serving organizations.
2. Jevon Wilkes, LE	Executive Director, California Coalition for Youth	<p>"All of my life experiences lead me to this opportunity. To utilize my education, talents, passion, and lived experience to serve in a capacity to improve and empower the lives of youth."</p> <p>Jevon Wilkes has dedicated over 17 years to improving and empowering the lives of youth experiencing homelessness, disconnection, and instability. His calling to service stems from his lived experience with homelessness, the foster care system, and being a disconnected youth. With his lived experiences, Jevon has a vast understanding of the vital work needed for youth, caregivers, leaders, and community members to establish ecosystems that help people reach their full potential and thrive together.</p>

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		<p>We must answer the call of California's youth. We must shift public policies, programs, services, investments, and technology to improve youth's lives. We can empower learning, growth, and good work ethic for youth to reach their full potential and thrive for themselves, peers, and community.</p>
<p>3. Jared Chapman, PhD</p>	<p>Research & Development Associate, Raising the Future/Parents Anonymous® Inc.</p>	<p>My lived expertise with my own behavioral health issues and trauma from my youth, as well as those of my children, are one part of who I am. Another is through my academic career. As an applied experience, I worked in a group home for several years while working toward my BA in psychology. After achieving my BA, I worked for Centre for Neuro Skills as a clinical researcher until I moved to Claremont to begin my doctoral studies. While working on my doctorate, I worked for Claremont Graduate University's School of Community and Global Health as a research associate. Each of the projects I worked on were on Children and Youth risk factors, and I contributed to an article published on e-Cigarettes. I completed my PhD in psychology and started working as a Senior Research for Parents Anonymous, inc. In this capacity, I examine the data we collect that has been extremely impactful on increasing child safety, well-being, and mitigating ACEs.</p>

(B) Academic or clinical experts

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<p>4. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD PhD</p>	<p>Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRHD) at UC Davis</p> <p>Professor of Internal Medicine at UC Davis</p>	<p>Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD is Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis. He is the Founding Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at UC Davis Health and the Director of the Community Engagement Program of the UCD Clinical Translational Science Center (CTSC). He is past co-chair of the NIH's Community Engagement Key Function Committee for the NIH-funded Clinical Translational Science Awards (CTSAs) for seven years and the immediate past co-chair of the NIH/NCATS CTSA's Collaboration Engagement Domain Task Force Lead Team for 3 years. He is a past member of the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (2003-2007). He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of Mental Health America (MHA; formerly the National Mental Health Association) and past Chair of the Board of NAMI California. He was recently appointed for a four-year term as a member of the National Advisory Council of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)-Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS). He is currently a board member of the California Health Care Foundation, a member of the California Future Health Workforce Commission's Technical Advisory Committee and co-chair of its Behavioral Health Subcommittee, a member of the CDPH Office of Health Equity's Advisory Committee, a member of the board of Physicians for a Healthy California, and a member of the national board of Peer Health Exchange."3</p>

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5. Petra Steinbuchel, MD	Director, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Portal (CAPP); Professor of Psychiatry	Dr. Petra Steinbuchel is a UCSF child & adolescent psychiatrist & clinical professor. She is Director of the UCSF Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Portal, a consultative pediatric mental health access program designed to increase access to critical pediatric mental health care through workforce development and a stepped care approach. She has held several key leadership & teaching positions at UCSF, and has led efforts to develop & expand access to evidence-based interventions for diverse and vulnerable populations, including collaborative partnerships between behavioral health & pediatric primary care providers in medical inpatient, outpatient & school-based settings. Dr. Steinbuchel completed her BA at the College of William & Mary, medical degree & pediatric internship at the Medical College of Georgia, psychiatry residency at California Pacific Medical Center, child & adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, & is a Harvard Macy Institute Alumae.
6. Diane Dooley, MD, MHS, FAAP	Clinical professor of Family and Community Medicine; UC San Francisco; Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	I am a Board-certified pediatrician with a career-long passion for advancing health equity and improving mental health care access for children and adolescents. I am an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, presently serving as the Chairperson of the AAP Chapter 1 Mental Health Committee and the AAP California Mental Health Advocacy Team. I am also an Associate Clinical Professor in the UCSF School of Medicine and have published and lectured on numerous child health issues, including prevention of early childhood caries, obesity, integrated behavioral health, adverse childhood experiences and the present mental health system in California. I combined my 35-year career serving low-income children at Contra Costa Health

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		<p>Services with extensive experience in schools, non-profits and advocacy in mental health. I live in Benicia where my husband and I keep very busy caring for, and playing with for our 5 little grandchildren and our Golden Retriever, Sam.</p>
<p>7. Stephen Schueller, PhD</p>	<p>Associate Professor, University of California at Irvine</p>	<p>Stephen Schueller, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychological Science and Informatics at the University of California, Irvine. He received his bachelors in Psychology at the University of California, Riverside, his PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed his clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco in the Public Service and Minority Cluster. A clinical psychologist and mental health services researcher, his work broadly looks at making mental health resources more available and accessible, especially through the use of technology. This includes the development, evaluation, and implementation of web- and mobile-based interventions. He is especially interested in how technology can reach and provide innovative models of care to traditional underserved populations including work with Latinx populations and youth experiencing homelessness. He also serves as the Executive Director of One Mind PsyberGuide, a project the aims to empower consumers to make informed choices around digital mental health products. At UC Irvine he co-directs the Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Unit for the Institute for Clinical and Translation Science and is a faculty member of the Connected Learning Lab, and the Jacobs CERES (Connecting the EdTech Research Ecosystem) Center, both the CLL and CERES are focused on improving technologies that support children and adolescent's development, learning,</p>

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		social emotional health, and wellbeing. He has published over 100 academic articles and serves as the Editor-in-Chief for Frontiers Human Factors and Digital Health, an Associate Editor for the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.
8. Peter Dy	Associate Director of Care Transformation, California Primary Care Association	Peter Dy (he/him/his) is the Associate Director of Care Transformation at the California Primary Care Association. Part of Peter's responsibilities include supporting the integration of behavioral health in primary care settings and behavioral health workforce development for California's community health centers (CHCs). Peter leads training and technical assistance, hosts quarterly Peer Network meetings, and manages projects and programs directly related to comprehensive behavioral health access and outcomes for CHC patients across the state. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Peter helped CHCs pivot to successfully deliver telebehavioral health to patients. Peter graduated from the California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelors of Science in Health Science and a concentration in Health Care Administration. Peter is a Cambodian-American and a former Medi-Cal beneficiary, and Peter will use his lived experience and expertise to contribute to the improvement of behavioral health services for children and youth.
9. Bryan H King, MD, MBA	Professor and Vice Chair, UCSF	Bryan H. King, MD, MBA, is the Lisa and John Pritzker Distinguished Professor of Child Psychiatry and Vice Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for UCSF School of Medicine. He is also Vice President for Child and Adolescent mental health for Benioff Children's Hospitals and UCSF Health. In these and similar leadership roles he held at the University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital, he was

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		<p>instrumental in creating child and adolescent psychiatry tele-consultation programs.</p> <p>King's research has focused largely on clinical trials in children and adults with autism and Intellectual Disability. He served on the Workgroup that wrote the current diagnostic criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder in the DSM-5 and is the primary author of the autism chapter in the new DSM-5 text revision. He has authored more than 120 academic publications and has participated in several of the major multi-site medication trials in autism spectrum disorder.</p>
10. Peter Cornish, PhD	<p>Director Counseling and Psychological Services, University of California Berkeley</p>	<p>Dr. Peter Cornish is an Honorary Research Professor at Memorial University in Canada and the Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of California, Berkeley. His clinical and research interests include online mental health, stepped care treatments, mental health service innovations, and interprofessional team functioning. Over the past five years, he has provided consultation and on-site training on his Stepped Care 2.0 model to over 150 organizations across North America. His Canadian not-profit company, Stepped Care Solutions, is the lead administrative partner on Wellness Together Canada, a federal COVID-19, \$65M mental health program for all peoples of Canada. He is the principal investigator for a \$1.14M research grant aimed at digitizing and evaluating Stepped Care 2.0 across four Canadian provinces. He is the lead author of a three-book series on Stepped Care 2.0 to be published by Springer with the first in the series available now.</p>

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11. Merritt Chip Schreiber, PhD	UCLA Department of Psychiatry	<p>Dr. Merritt Schreiber is Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Senior Advisor, Terrorism and Disaster Program, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He leads the Mental Health Workgroup, Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM), Co-Lead of the Mental Health, Pediatric Pandemic Network and Chair of Disaster Response for the California Psychological Association.</p> <p>Dr. Schreiber has developed a pediatric disaster mental health CONOPS to provide population level response tactics to all-hazard events impacting children/families. He developed the PsySTART Mental Health Incident Management System and "stepped triage to care system for at-risk children. He developed Anticipate. Plan. Deter, a disaster medical provider resilience system and Listen.Protect.ConnectPsychological First Aid. Dr. Schreiber received the Joint Meritorious Service Medal US NORTHCOM</p>

(C) Non-profits, providers, foundation leaders, advocates

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12. Kim Lewis, JD	Managing Attorney, National Health Law Program	<p>Kim Lewis is the Managing Attorney of the National Health Law Program's California office. Kim works on state and national health care issues, including Medicaid and health reform implementation, by engaging in policy and administrative advocacy, impact litigation and technical assistance and training to state advocates and other stakeholders. She has worked to improve access to quality health care for people who are marginalized in California for more than three decades. Kim serves as co-counsel on a number of class action lawsuits concerning access to behavioral health services for Medicaid eligible children and youth, under the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Medicaid mandate for recipients under age 21. She is also a member of the California Health & Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Task Force.</p>
13. Steven Kite	Chief Operating Officer, NAMI CA	<p>Steven Kite has worked in the nonprofit industry for over 20 years. His work has covered critical areas such as Mental Illness in both youth and adults, HIV/AIDS, as well as Breast Cancer, at the local and statewide level.</p> <p>Youth mental health has been a key factor in his work throughout. From his early work in group home settings for youth, through overseeing the largest LGBTQIA+ youth group in the Sacramento area for many years. At NAMI, the creation of the NAMI on Campus High School program which has served hundreds of schools and thousands of young people has been a particular highlight to his youth mental health work.</p>

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		<p>In his current position as Chief Operating Officer for NAMI California, Steven ensures the organizations operations are aligned with strategic goals. He lives in Sacramento with his husband and two rescue dogs.</p> <p>Ensuring equal care for those who are underserved is the cornerstone to the change he hopes to make in this world.</p>
14. Chris Stoner-Mertz, LCSW	CEO, California Alliance of Child and Family Services	<p>A licensed clinical social worker, I have worked with children, youth and families as a service provider, program administrator and leading nonprofit service organizations that offer a wider range of services for those in public systems (child welfare, MediCal, education, juvenile justice). I have provided consulting on the design of MediCal programs providing specialty mental health services. I currently serve as the representative of 160 nonprofit organizations across California. I am also a foster parent that has advocated on behalf of my son in the public education system.</p>
15. Niti Kadakia, MBA	Director, Student Behavioral Health, Kaiser Permanente	<p>Niti Kadakia is Director, Student Behavioral Health, in Kaiser Permanente's National Thriving Schools and Communities department. In her 8 years at KP, Niti has worked to gather the collective input and expertise across health plan, medical group, and community health to bring new solutions to KP members and communities that KP serves. She most recently served as chief of staff for KP's Medicaid programs.</p> <p>Niti is first generation Indian American and grew up in rural Tennessee surrounded by family in health care and family on social services programs, facing disabilities and language barriers. Achieving equity</p>

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		<p>in access to quality care and prevention is an area of passion. Her background is in business and finance; she brings a strong interest in pursuing sustainable financing models and aligning interests across our system. Finally, as a mother of two small boys beginning their journeys through our school systems, she is particularly excited about aligning our education system with our health care system, so we can meet our children and families where they are with the resources they need. Prior to KP, Niti was a consultant with PwC, providing transaction and due diligence services in both the health care and financial services sectors.</p> <p>Niti holds a BS in Economics with dual concentration in Finance and Accounting and an MBA in Health Care Management from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. She lives in Moraga, CA.</p>
16. Nina Moreno, PhD	Chief Research & Health Policy Officer, Safe Passages	<p>Nina Moreno, PhD, is the Founder and Principal of Moreno & Associates, where she consults on strategy; program/project design, management, and evaluation; policy research, analysis, writing, monitoring, and advocacy; and development. She is also the Chief Officer of Research and Health Policy at Safe Passages/SP. She leads SP' graduate, social welfare trainee program and led the development of a community driven, culturally relevant, mental health virtual platform for students and families in response to the COVID shelter in place orders. For the past ten years, Nina has worked on state and national policy research and reform and fundraising in the areas of health and education as the Regional Director of the Safe Haven Initiative at the National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse at Columbia University and Interim Executive Director</p>

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		<p>of the Children's Defense Fund- California. Nina holds a Ph. D. in Social Welfare from the School of Social Work at Hunter College and a B.S. in Social Welfare from Cornell University, College of Human Ecology. When she is not conducting research and developing strategy, Nina may be found exploring the world with her partner.</p>
<p>17. Jackie Wong, MSW PPS</p>	<p>Executive Director, First 5 California</p>	<p>Jackie Thu-Huong Wong, a refugee born during the fall of Saigon and the first woman of color is the new Executive Director of First 5 California. Ms. Wong, brings more than three decades of experience working as an advocate for equity, health and education for children, youth and families in the state. Her formal training and background as a social worker has made it possible for Ms. Wong to share her expertise with diverse communities, specifically helping children thrive to achieve their full potential.</p> <p>She also currently serves as a Trustee for the Washington Unified School Board in West Sacramento and as a professor for Sacramento States School Nursing Credential program. In the past, she served as the Government Relations Director for the National Center for Youth Law, Principal Policy Consultant to the California Senate President Darrell Steinberg, Statewide Director for the Foster Youth Service at the CA Department of Education and has served on the non-profit board of a CDC.</p>
<p>18. Michael Fu, MD, MBA</p>	<p>National Director of Behavioral Health, Hazel Health</p>	<p>Michael Fu is a Stanford trained MD MBA and former middle school teacher with extensive social impact, community health, digital mental health, and school-based research experience. I designed, scaled, and lead Hazel Health's school-based</p>

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		<p>teletherapy business, which reaches nearly 1 million K-12 students nationwide. My technical expertise includes clinical innovation, product development, youth development, design thinking, commercialization, partnership development, and digital health strategy.</p>
<p>19. Theresa Nguyen, LCSW</p>	<p>Chief Program Officer, Mental Health America</p>	<p>As MHA's Chief Program Officer, Theresa manages MHA Screening (www.mhascreening.org), a confidential and anonymous screening platform where over 13 million screens taken since the program began 7 years ago, with more than 5,000,000 in the 2021 alone. Her clinical experience focused on working with children and adults in Skid Row Los Angeles, in an early psychosis team in San Diego, and as a dual diagnosis therapist in North Carolina. As an advocate she worked on state and federal policy on prevention and early intervention, workforce development, and healthcare parity and access. She currently teaches at UCI's Advanced Immigrant Rights Clinic and at CSUF's Department of Social Work. Theresa is also currently a Board Member of Project Return Peer Support Network, a member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee Mental Health Taskforce, a member of the Mental Health Research Network Advisory Committee, and a PCORI Ambassador.</p>
<p>20. Sabrina Ullah, LCSW</p>	<p>Vice President of SoCal Behavioral Health, HealthRight360</p>	<p>Sabrina started her career as a social worker working in women's violence prevention education and has been in the field since 2005. Her background and expertise are rooted in social justice, community mental health, program, and leadership development. Sabrina has managed many aspects of program development including writing RFPs, program design, overseeing budgets, hiring/training</p>

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		<p>staff, running multi-county programs, and mentoring and developing emerging leaders. She joined HealthRIGHT 360 in 2019 as the Managing Director of Los Angeles County Behavioral Health. In her current role as Vice President of Southern California Behavioral Health, Sabrina supports mental health, substance use disorder, housing, prevention, and domestic violence support services across Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and San Diego Counties. Sabrina completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and her Master's in Social Work at the University of Southern California.</p>
<p>21. Matthew Madaus, LCSW</p>	<p>Executive Director, Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County</p>	<p>Matthew Madaus has over 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field. He is currently the Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County; an association of mental health and substance use providers. Mr. Madaus consults to human service agencies in the areas of clinical services and business and program development. He provides expert witness testimony to law firms on standards of care in the behavioral health industry. He co-founded a clinical software company to disseminate an innovative, web-based mental health screening model that is currently implemented in schools and organizations the US, Australia, and New Zealand. He was the National Chief Clinical Officer for an international electronic medical record firm.</p> <p>Mr. Madaus was the CEO of Edgewood Center for Children and Families, leading more than 500 staff and services including prevention, early intervention, community-based services, inpatient, and crisis stabilization programs. Prior to Edgewood, Mr. Madaus was a regional Executive Director for Victor</p>

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		<p>Community Support Services and the Director of Residential Treatment at Chamberlain's Children Center. He was also the Clinical Director at The Home for Little Wanderers in Massachusetts, the oldest child welfare agency in the US.</p> <p>A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Mr. Madaus received his MSW from San Diego State University and a post-graduate program from the Family Institute of Cambridge. Matthew has been appointed to and served on multiple state task forces and Boards of Directors and presented at numerous industry conferences.</p>
22. Ann-Louise Kuhns, MPP	President and CEO, California Children's Hospital Association	<p>Ann-Louise Kuhns is President and CEO of the California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA), an organization dedicated to advancing the well-being of children and promoting appropriate access to high-quality pediatric health care. She has over 30 years of experience in senior management positions both inside and outside of California state government. Prior to CCHA, she served as Vice President of State Affairs for Anthem Blue Cross. She began her career at California's non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office; served as an Assistant Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency under Governor Pete Wilson; and during the 1990's led what was then the largest transition to Medicaid managed care as the State's Medi-Cal Managed Care Division Chief.</p> <p>Ms. Kuhns holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and a Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.</p>

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23. Leticia Galyean, LCSW	Chief Executive Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies	<p>Leticia Galyean is the CEO of Seneca Family of Agencies, a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing Unconditional Care to over 18,000 youth and their families throughout California and Washington State. She received both her Bachelor's degree and MSW from the UC Berkeley.</p> <p>Leticia began her career with Seneca as a counselor inspired by the belief that the effects of trauma should be patiently and persistently supported in the context of family and community. Throughout her tenure, Leticia has led programs across CA and WA, assisting youth and their families to meet their behavioral health, academic, and permanency goals.</p> <p>She has served as a member of several policy groups in California at both the county and state-level, and is a Board member of SOAR for Youth. From the time she was a counselor, Leticia has led with the vision to strengthen the larger systems of care for our most vulnerable youth and their families.</p>

(D) Experts in technology-enables services and BH programs

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24. Margaret Laws, MPP	President and CEO, HopeLab	<p>Margaret is President and CEO of Hopelab where she leads a multidisciplinary team combining behavioral science, user-centered design and partnership with innovators to create technology products to help improve health and well-being for teens and young adults. In 2020 Hopelab launched an external investments practice, investing in companies focused on mental health and wellbeing of teens and young adults and the health of LGBTQ+ young people. Prior to Hopelab, Margaret spent 17 years at the California HealthCare Foundation in a number of roles, including Director of Public Financing and Policy and Director of the Innovations for the Underserved program. She founded the CHCF Health Innovation Fund, a mission-focused fund investing in health care technology and service companies that improve access to and lower costs of health care. Prior to CHCF, Margaret held positions with Accenture, the World Health Organization, Mentor Clinical Care and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.</p> <p>Margaret holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and an A.B. in English Literature from Princeton University. Margaret is a lecturer in entrepreneurship at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She serves on the boards of Health Leads and Project Glimmer and is an adviser to Acumen America, United States of Care, Consejo Sano, and Galileo Health.</p>
25. Armen Arevian, MD, PhD	Chorus Innovations	<p>Armen Arevian has over 20 years of technology experience in digital health from a variety of settings. He has an MD with specialty in psychiatry as well as a PhD in neuroscience. He was on faculty at UCLA in</p>

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		<p>Psychiatry and created the Innovation Lab in the department to advance the work of digital health as it relates to mental health with a particular emphasis on how technology can help address disparities, equity, and democratization in health. Arevian created a technology platform to enable anyone to be a digital health creator and conducted numerous academic research studies around this. He was also a faculty member in the Center for Health Services and Society at UCLA that has an emphasis on Community-Partnered Participatory Research with extensive expertise in stakeholder and community engagement. He created the Chorus platform, a visual way to create digital health apps so programmers and technical expertise are not required. In addition, we have partnered with the Orange County Health Care Agency to create a digital resource navigator for all residents of OC (ocnavigator.org) to facilitate assessment of needs as well as finding and connecting to resources. This includes digital tools used by their warmline/hotline staff to track calls/cases and dispatch crisis teams and other referrals. I'm also the technical lead for the CalHOPE Together for Wellness site (calhope.semel.ucla.edu) to connect individuals to mental health digital resources across the state.</p>
<p>26. Keegan Duchicela, MD</p>	<p>Physician, Medical Affairs, Color Health</p>	<p>I'm currently Chief of Medical Affairs at Color Health. We provide the technology and infrastructure for large scale health programs ranging from COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to genomics programs. My background is in community and family medicine. I've trained and worked in FQHC's, where I served diverse pediatric and adult populations. In my current role, we are trying to solve for ways to bring health programs to diverse and distributed populations, enlisting local</p>

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		stakeholders as partners to bring the right programs to where people need them the most.
27. Josh Morgan, PsyD	National Director of Behavioral Health and Whole Person Care, SAS	As SAS' National Director of Behavioral Health and Whole Person Care, Dr. Josh Morgan helps health and human services agencies use data and analytics to support a person-centered approach to improving health outcomes. A licensed psychologist, Dr. Morgan provides teletherapy through Marvin, was previously San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health's Chief of Behavioral Health Informatics, is a member of the Board of Directors of Mental Health Services, a large community behavioral health provider in California, and is on the Advisory Board of the University of North Carolina's Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health. His clinical work includes child and adolescent inpatient, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient programs. Dr. Morgan earned his BA in Religious Studies from UC Berkeley and a PsyD in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Family Psychology from Azusa Pacific University, and is trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy.

(E) Experts in education and/or school-based BH services

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28. Brent Malicote	Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Sacramento County Office of Education	Brent Malicote is the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). He oversees numerous SCOE programs: Early Learning, Foster Youth Services, K–12 Curriculum & Instruction, Social Emotional Learning, Prevention & Early Intervention, Special Education, and the Sly Park Environmental Education Center. Before joining SCOE, Brent served as director of the California Department of Education (CDE) Professional Learning Support Division. He also has 13 years of successful administrative experience, including leadership roles as a school administrator and as a founding director of a charter school. In 2015, Malicote was named El Dorado County's Elementary Principal of the Year.